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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 3-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 29, 2004, said period of response being extended from July 29, 2004 to October 29, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$980.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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